

**Proposed Changes:**~~Group home~~ Residential habilitation**Service Definition (Scope):**

~~Group home~~ Residential habilitation services are **individually tailored** formalized training and staff supports for the acquisition, retention, or improvement in skills related to living in the community. Formalized training and staff supports include adaptive skill development, **of assistance with** daily living activities, ~~such as personal grooming and cleanliness, bed making and household chores, eating and the preparation of food,~~ community inclusion, transportation, and the social and leisure skill development necessary to enable the individual to live in the most integrated setting appropriate to his/her needs. Residential habilitation also includes **nutritional support** ~~personal care,~~ health maintenance activities, and protective oversight when applicable to the individual, as well as supervision.

Health maintenance activities, such as medication administration and treatments that are routine, stable, and predictable may be provided by mediation aides and other unlicensed direct support professionals and require nurse or medical practitioner oversight of delegated activities to the extent permitted under applicable State laws. Health maintenance activities, supervision, and assistance with personal needs are provided when identified as a need and documented in the **IPSP**.

**Continuous Services**

~~Group home~~ Residential habilitation services ~~are~~ **as** continuous services ~~and are delivered in the~~ **person's home, or a** provider operated or controlled settings, such as a home with three or less individuals with DD, or a licensed Center for persons with Developmental Disabilities (CDD) with four or more individuals with DD. Rental agreements made by the waiver participant or legal representative with the DD provider and payment for room and board from waiver participant to a DD provider must be treated as landlord-tenant agreements and all applicable state and local laws must be followed.

Continuous ~~group home~~ residential habilitation services ~~are services provided in a provider operated setting where there are~~ **include** DD provider staff on-site or within proximity to allow immediate on-site availability at all times to the individual receiving services, including during the individuals sleep time. Staff must be present and awake during the times that individuals are present and awake. Eight hours of overnight staffing are not billable. Staff may be sleeping, unless awake overnight supervision or assistance is required as documented in the individual's program plan, and must be present to respond immediately to individuals' needs and emergencies. Overnight staffing may or may not provide formal training or intervention when the person awakens during the night. The need for formal training or interventions during overnight hours is based on the individual's assessed needs, and how the needs will be addressed, which may include explicit formal training or interventions, assistance with personal needs, and/or health maintenance activities must be documented in the Individual ~~Program~~ **Support** Plan.

~~Meals provided as part of these services shall not constitute a "full nutritional regimen" (3 meals per day).~~

The method by which the cost of room and board is excluded from payment for residential habilitation is specified in Appendix I-5.

Transportation between the participant's place of residence and other service sites and places in the community is provided as a component of residential habilitation services and the cost of this transportation is included in the rate paid to providers of residential habilitation services.

~~Day habilitation and intensive behavior interventions are not components of this service.~~

#### Intermittent Services

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~~Intermittent residential habilitation services are services provided in a provider operated setting where there are include DD provider staff on-site or within proximity to allow immediate on-site availability at all times to the individual receiving services, including during the individual's sleep time. Staff must be present and awake during the times that the service is provided.~~

~~Meals provided as part of these services shall not constitute a "full nutritional regimen" (3 meals per day).~~

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#### **Specify applicable (if any) limits on the amount, frequency, or duration of this service:**

~~Day habilitation and intensive behavior interventions are not components of this service.~~

Payments made by the State for ~~group home~~ residential habilitation are not made for room and board, the cost of facility maintenance, upkeep and improvement.

Payment for ~~group home~~ residential habilitation does not include payments made, directly or indirectly to members of the individual's immediate family, defined as parent (biological, step, or adopted), spouse, or child (biological, step, or adopted). Payments will not be made for the routine care and supervision which would be expected to be provided by a family or group home provider, or for activities or supervision for which a payment is made by a source other than Medicaid.

The amount of authorized services is subject to the objective assessment process and is provided based on the individual's preferences to the extent possible, and as documented in the **IPSP**.

This service will not overlap with, supplant, or duplicate other services provided through the waiver or Medicaid State plan services.